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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SHUM, TW

SUBJECT: ARREST OF CH'EN CHU

REFS: (A) TAIPEI 03978 (B) STATE 161511

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S CONTINUED AND DETAILED REPORTING ON CH'EN CHU. SINCE MISS CH'EN HAS BEEN ARRESTED, EMBASSY SHOULD PROCEED TO IMPLEMENT REFTTEL (B) PARA 5. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS CASE SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY STRESSED. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD AN INQUIRY FROM REP. FRASER'S OFFICE, AND OTHERS ARE EXPECTED. ROC SHOULD UNDERSTAND "CH'EN CHU AFFAIR" IS VERY LIKELY TO BECOME MAJOR HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE HERE.

2. IN CONTACTING MOFA TO IMPLEMENT INSTRUCTIONS, EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO ASK MOFA TO OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING CH'EN'S ARREST AND DETENTION:

-- ON WHAT CHARGES IS SHE BEING HELD?

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-- WHERE AND HOW LONG DOES GROC INTEND TO DETAIN HER?

-- IF SHE WILL BE TRIED, WILL IT BE BY CIVILIAN OR MILITARY COURT?

-- WHO IS HER LAWYER?

-- ARE FAMILY MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES BEING ALLOWED TO
VISIT HER WHILE SHE IS IN DETENTION?

-- WHAT IS STATE OF HER HEALTH AT PRESENT?

3. EMBASSY SHOULD AT THIS TIME MAKE KNOWN TO GROC THAT,
IF CH'EN IS TO BE TRIED, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EMBOFF(S)
PRESENT TO OBSERVE THE TRIAL.
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